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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Appln. No.: 10/083,574

Group Art Unit: 2833

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For: **ENGAGEMENT DETECTING STRUCTURE IN CONNECTOR**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

At page 3, replace the last full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

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According to the above configuration, it is possible to prevent the housings from being disengaged due to careless or erroneous operation of the lock canceller. Since the retainer serves not only as an engagement member but also as an assisting member for the visual confirmation of the engagement state, and since the engagement detector serves not only as an assisting member for the visual confirmation of the engagement state but also as an engagement retaining member, it is possible to simplify the structure of the connector housings, make the connector housings compact, and lower the cost.

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